



Upcoming School Readiness Changes

Current Requirements

Health and Safety Inspection

- Required of all licensed and license-exempt providers.
- Inspections completed by DCF or the local licensing authority.

Optional, providers may receive a program assessment in local quality initiative such as:

- Quality Rating Improvement System (QRIS)
- Early Learning Performance Funding Project

Optional

- Initiatives offered by early learning coalitions.
- Early Learning Performance Funding Project participants select quality improvement strategies based on assigned participation tier.

Optional

School Readiness
Provider
Participation

Program
Assessment or
Quality Measure

Quality
Improvement
Opportunities

Child Assessment

New Requirements

Effective July 1, 2018

Health and Safety Inspection and Program Assessment

- Program assessment required for providers serving children birth to kindergarten entry.
- Other exemptions apply.

CLASS observation and score

- Minimum quality thresholds must be met to be eligible for a School Readiness contract.
- CLASS score determines differential payment level.
- Provider may be placed on a Quality Improvement Plan if minimum quality scores are not achieved.

Required for providers with a Quality Improvement Plan

- Beginning in the 2019-2020 contract year.
- Optional for all other providers.

Voluntary to qualify for a payment differential

Questions?

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